

SHYFTING TIMES

Special points of interest:

- The SHYFT House Opens its Doors: Supportive Housing Options Available to Tri-County Youth.
- Trask Generosity Opens the Door for SHYFT: Community support is the key to keeping the doors open.
- NSCC Students Get Involved with Fund-raising for SHYFT.

SHYFT Youth Services Society

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An Open House to Remember

The Open House, held on January 25th, was attended by over 70 people who toured the whole home and enthused about its architecture, its renovation and its noble purpose: a home for youth in crisis. Here are just a few of the comments we heard:

"Congratulations on a job well done!" Susan MacDonald, Municipality of Yarmouth.

"Great place - great staff " Yarmouth Town Mayor Phil Mooney

"What a fabulous addition to our community"

"So great to finally see this service up and running - beautiful house!"

"A beautiful house turned into a wonderful home."



LEFT
Celeste Axworthy from NSCC makes a donation to SHYFT's Project Manager, Krista Dunn at the Open House Event.

A plaque was also received from Zach Churchill, Yarmouth MLA, who was unable to attend, which read as follows:

"On behalf of the Province, I congratulate the staff and volunteers who have made SHYFT possible. Thank you for your time, energy and compassion and for demonstrating the highest qualities of the human spirit."

A giant cheque for almost \$ 1,500 was presented to SHYFT by the Career Launch Program at NSCC. Several class members were present, in their colourful SHYFT shirts, together with their instructor, Greg Fevens.

Special Donation

Krista Dunn, SHYFT Project Manager announced, "We cannot express our gratitude enough to Mike Trask, who's generous contribution of \$20,000 has enabled us to open our doors and provide a warm home to youth facing the harsh realities of homelessness."

In a statement Mike commented, "I did not realize that we had youth in our community who were homeless. You don't see them on the street because they are couch surfing and many have never had the kind of supportive environment we take for granted. If this

contribution can help these youth become contributing members of our community, it is well worth it. I would challenge anyone with the means to get involved with addressing the challenge of youth homelessness."

BECAUSE EVERY YOUTH NEEDS A HOME

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ABOVE
Natha Paquette volunteered
selling toques at the Mariner's
Centre.

SHYFT Youth Services Society is now registered as a Non-Profit organization in Nova Scotia and is administered by a voluntary Board of Directors, who became the first members of the Society. They will report to the Annual Meeting of the Society (date to be announced this Spring) and future directors will be elected by each annual meeting. These are the founding members of the board:

Jude Fulton, President; Bernadette MacDonald, Vice President; Rod Moores, Treasurer; Leslie Robinson, Corporate Secretary; Ann Jones, Hannah Deveau, Kirsta Morris, Lisa Newell, Michele Archibald-Hattie, Nicole Cottreau, and Stephen Paquette

Keeping In Touch

As a member of the SHYFT Youth Services Society, you will receive occasional news from us, together with invitations to volunteer in upcoming activities and attend Society meetings. We also hope that you will contact us at any time.

Donations of groceries and personal items will be gratefully received at the SHYFT House at 6, Trinity Place, (corner with Argyle Street), Yarmouth.

Financial donations are also welcome. Please make your cheque payable to The Tri-County Women's Centre who will issue tax receipts for amounts of \$ 20 or more. Call (902) 742-0085 for details.

Funky Toques

This year's "Raising the Roof" nation-wide toque campaign was a big success again in the Yarmouth area, with almost 200 sold. The attractive design certainly caught the eye.

SHYFT receives 80 % of the sale proceeds making \$1,600 ! A BIG THANK YOU to all (many of you SHYFT Society members) who volunteered with Leslie Robinson at various locations:

Marlene Surette at the Tri-County Women's Centre; Dana Patterson with the RCMP; Ann Bourque at the NSCC bookstore; Lynn Doucette and Raelene Fevens at the Yarmouth Curling

Club; Stephen Sollows and Cory Fevens at Beacon United Church; Sharon Bishara, Joanne Churchill, Dianna Adams, Shaunessy Westbury, Veronique Brideau-Cormier, Rose Hurlburt and Rod Moores at the Yarmouth Mall; Natha Paquette (6 yrs. old), Steve Paquette, Rod Moores, Jude Fulton, and Ann Jones at the Mariners' Centre.

As we go to press a few toques are still available. Still need a toque? Don't delay, call today!

Editor's Note

Thank you so much for your community spirit and your wiliness to get involved in supporting the youth of Yarmouth, Shelburne and Digby. Special thanks to Steve Paquette for laying out our first edition of SHYFTING TIMES.

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